

Kentucky Right to Life Victory Political Action Committee

Attention All Primary Election Candidates!

For 2026 PAC Questionnaire kindly go to KYRighttoLifeVictoryPAC.org

(Please note, ALL questions must be completed and received by:

For Federal Candidates – **Friday, March 6th, 2026**, to be considered for endorsement)

For State Senate, House and Local Candidates – **Friday, March 13th, 2026**, to be considered for endorsement)

The Kentucky Right to Life Victory PAC exists to inform the public of Pro-Life candidates and issues during elections. We endorse candidates who work consistently to ensure that Pro-Life principles of protection and dignity for all innocent human life are upheld in the political arena, from the halls of Frankfort to the US Congress, from the Courthouses of Kentucky to the Judiciary of the Kentucky Appellate Court and our Kentucky Supreme Court.

What You Should Know About our Endorsement Process

Endorsement of a candidate is a thorough and rigorous process. The KRTL Victory PAC Committee evaluates candidates based on several criteria, including:

- **Candidate questionnaire**
- **Voting record and Incumbency**
- **Involvement with Pro-Life or pro-abortion community**
- **Candidate background 🗳️ Electability**

Candidate Questionnaire: In the past each candidate was sent a comprehensive candidate questionnaire asking a variety of questions on Pro-Life issues. Beginning with the 2022 Primary Election the KY RTL PAC no longer mail out the questionnaire but all candidates, including incumbents seeking the Kentucky RTL PAC endorsement are encouraged to copy, complete and return the survey via email if they wish to be considered. Questionnaires might not be used in small community or local elections and might be referred to our local Right to Life Chapters.

Incumbency: KY Right to Life Victory PAC believes that incumbents should be rewarded for their demonstrated support of Pro-Life legislation and issues. In a political race where there is a Pro-Life incumbent and a Pro-Life challenger, an incumbent with a perfect Pro-Life voting record will likely receive the endorsement unless there are other extenuating circumstances from one of the categories outlined below. Incumbent is defined as the person currently serving in the office who was elected in a general election for that office.

Voting Record: A candidate's voting record is a critical consideration when evaluating an endorsement. Very little speaks louder than a voting record as it reflects a candidate's commitment to Life Affirming issues. The voting record should also confirm a candidate's questionnaire responses. The voting record includes more than just votes on Pro-Life bills. We may include bills filed, amendments, votes for leadership, votes on committees,

votes on party platform, etc.—any vote that exemplifies that the candidate is willing to walk the walk, not just talk the talk. Also considered is opposition to Pro-Life legislation or activities so that a vote is not taken.

Involvement with Pro-Life or Pro-abortion Community: Past and current involvement in the Pro-Life movement activities, as well as any past involvement and support of abortion advocates and supporters, will be considered regarding endorsements.

Electability: Our KRTL Victory PAC sometimes has very tough endorsement situations when there are multiple Pro-Life candidates in a race with a pro-abortion candidate who has a high probability of winning. In situations like this, it may unfortunately be necessary to endorse just one of the Pro-Life candidates so that the Pro-Life vote is not split.

If there are multiple Pro-Life candidates in a race with no pro-abortion candidate who can win, KRTL Victory PAC may decide to wait until the general election to endorse a candidate so that the strongest primary candidate moves on to the general election. Other times, KRTL PAC may endorse or recommend multiple Pro-Life candidates in a race.

Candidate Background: Concerns are sometimes brought to the attention of the Kentucky Right to Life Victory PAC by prolife community supporters or identified during the candidate interview process. The PAC carefully reviews any relevant information when considering endorsements. Candidates with significant legal or ethical concerns may not be eligible for endorsement.

Kentucky Right to Life works diligently to maintain its reputation as a trusted and respected voice on pro-life issues and in the political process.

KY RIGHT TO LIFE VICTORY PAC 2026 ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Kentucky Right to Life is the ONLY Right to Life organization with chapters across Kentucky and is the designated State Affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee in Washington, D.C.

Since 1974, Kentucky Right to Life has sent a questionnaire on various life affirming issues to candidates for public office. **Our KY Right to Life Victory Political Action Committee (formerly KRTL PAC) questionnaire is our ONLY qualification questionnaire accepted for candidates by Kentucky Right to Life PAC, a Kentucky state affiliate of National Right to Life.**

Kentucky voters are strongly influenced by a candidate's position on life issues. Your response to us is necessary in order for us to alert our members and friends across the Commonwealth regarding your position on life issues and our endorsements.

We respectfully request that you carefully consider the following questions.

Download from the website, print and complete the questionnaire, then return by email to

Admin@KYRighttoLifeVictoryPAC.org

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For State Senate, House and Local Candidates – Friday, March 13th, 2026, to be considered for endorsement**

A completed and signed 2026 questionnaire is required for endorsement consideration.

PRO-LIFE, PRO-FAMILY ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list any Pro-Life, ProFamily activities, groups and/or events you have participated in or supported in your community, state or nation. In an effort to fairly evaluate a candidate, the candidate’s community engagement is part of the evaluation process along with the answers to the questionnaire. (You may add additional details on a separate sheet of paper if needed.)

_____ Date _____ Reference _____

Our candidate questionnaire provides a source for an accurate profile of the candidate’s positions on Pro-Life, Pro-Woman, and Pro-Family issues.

The purpose is to inform Kentucky voters so they can participate in the democratic process with factual information rather than hearsay and rumor.

The “FOUNDATION” of our work: We believe that human life is sacred from conception to natural death, and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society and the laws that govern that society.

We realize and respect the fact that you have a multitude of issues that will come before you as an elected leader. Our scope is narrow and focused but foundational to the aspects of every person. As you begin to review this questionnaire and thoughtfully reflect on your responses, the statement above is the guiding principle explicitly detailed in the following questions:

We begin with the “foundational and moral compass question” of Pro-Life laws and lawmaking...

A. Do you believe that human life is sacred from conception to natural death, and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society and the laws that govern that society?

_____YES _____NO

ABORTION & LIFE-AFFIRMING LAWS

On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court overturned the 1973 law by which the U.S. Supreme Court had legalized abortion on demand resulting to date in the destruction of 64 million unborn babies.

For 49 years, overturning Roe had been the “North Star” of the Pro-Life Movement.

Equal protection for preborn children, which is guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to our Constitution, now serves as the New North Star of the pro-life movement.

Overturning Roe and enacting Kentucky’s Pro-Life laws, as well as the Kentucky Trigger law protecting the unborn in our Commonwealth, are critical pro-life victories! Yet our fight to make abortion illegal and unthinkable while ensuring families have the support they need is far from over. At this moment, the pro-life movement is speaking with clarity and unity: we will completely end abortion and ensure that equal justice is achieved for every human being.

The Fourteenth Amendment expressly forbids the states from denying “to any person within [their] jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws’... Crucially, the Amendment then goes on to provide that ‘no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws”.

Thus, the personal protection afforded to every member of the human race under the Fourteenth Amendment should be extended equally to the preborn.

1. Do you agree that the personal protection afforded to every member of the human race under the Fourteenth Amendment should be extended equally to the preborn?

_____YES _____NO

2. If you were in a position to do so, would you support a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would, with respect to the right to life, treat as “persons” all human beings, born and unborn, regardless of age, health or condition of dependency?

_____YES _____NO

For over 50 years, Kentucky Right to Life has worked with Kentucky Legislators, Administrations, State policy makers advocating the passage of many pieces of Pro-Life and life-affirming legislation. These include, but are not limited to: parental notice for minors seeking abortions; “Women’s Right to Know” – women’s informed consent requiring women seeking abortions to be provided information on the fetal development, alternative services and adoptions; Pain Capable – banning abortions at 20 weeks; Born-Alive Infants Protection Act; Non- Discrimination Abortions (banning abortions based on disability, sex, race or other); Abortion Pill Reversal;

Fetal Heartbeat bill (2019) – banning abortions after a detectable heartbeat; Women’s Informed Consent (2017) requiring ultrasound and oscillation of the fetal heartbeat; Human Rights of the Child Act (2018) – Banning Dismemberment Abortions; HB3 in 2022 (6 Pro-Life bills in one restricting mail-order abortion drugs in the Commonwealth and the dignified care of post-aborted fetal remains and the Trigger Law.

KY RTL has a proven record of life-saving victories, publicly advocating for women and children to carefully create a life-affirming strategy for a Pro-Life Kentucky. This strategic plan has always involved working with our Legislators on an incremental approach, which allows for the greatest number of lives saved while pursuing the ultimate goal of establishing respect for the sanctity of human life in our laws and culture.

KY RTL adamantly opposes abortion. The historic June 24, 2022 overturning of Roe, ensures Pro-Life matters are now resting in the hands of the States. Kentucky State leaders and lawmakers have the capacity to ensure our ProLife state laws will reflect the values of Kentucky voters reducing the number of lives lost to abortion and protecting women’s health.

Since August 1, 2022, abortions illegal in Kentucky and are no longer being performed in our Commonwealth. We are witnessing aggressive marketing of abortion tourism and travel outside of our State to obtain an abortion - and this may be out of the purview of Kentucky laws.

However, the marketing and trafficking of illegal abortion pills into Kentucky are a daily occurrence that must be addressed.

Abortion terms are often confusing and used interchangeably, i.e. medical/chemical abortions, RU-486. In December, the FDA ended its long-standing restriction and safety dispensing standards on a medication used to terminate early-stage pregnancies. The elimination of the rule by the Food and Drug

Administration means abortion pills can be prescribed through online agencies or telehealth and mailed to patients in states where permitted by law.

Previously, the pills could not be mailed and had to be dispensed via hospital, physicians, and abortion providers. Kentucky Right to Life worked with Legislators in 2021 and 2022 to address the “risky business” of mail-order at home abortions, banning mail-ordered abortions in Kentucky and requiring best healthcare practices for women seeking an abortion to be seen by a physician.

We believe Kentucky women deserve to be seen by their healthcare provider and have follow-up care when engaged in such a life-impacting decision.

3. Are you morally and/or medically opposed to chemical abortions, such as RU-486, the abortion pill, and other drugs known to prevent the newly created human being from attaching (implantation) to his/her mother’s womb or medications that cause the woman’s body to expel her developing child in the early stages of her pregnancy?

YES NO

4. (A) If you are in a position to do so, would you advocate, support, sign into law and/or defend the banning of mail-order abortion drugs, i.e. chemical abortion medications/RU-486 and the distribution thereof in the Commonwealth of Kentucky,
(B) and work to establish and support legislation, i.e. trafficking, “aiding and abetting laws” that would prevent individuals and/or organizations advertising, marketing, trafficking, illegal abortion pill trafficking in the Commonwealth?

YES NO

Medical Conscience Clauses

KY Right to Life believes that matters related to exemptions based on conscience should be applied consistently.

5. If you are in a position to do so, would you advocate, support, sign into law and/or defend expanding and updating conscience clauses allowing all health care providers and pharmacists to opt out of participation in any type of induced or elective abortion, including surgical, chemical and medical? Such a conscience clause would necessarily include a provision that these employees could not be overlooked for promotions or raises based on their refusal to participate in abortions.

YES NO

6. Do you believe medical schools and nursing programs operating in conjunction with universities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that receive State funding should have mechanisms in place such as conscience exceptions that permit students to be excused from participating in specific curricular activities and training, i.e. abortion procedures that violate the student's religious or ethical beliefs?

YES NO

7. If elected, and if you are in a position to do so, would you advocate, support, sign into law and/or defend legislation that requires universities offering medical and nursing programs to have in place "formal written policies" that govern the granting of an exemption from performing or participating in procedures that are in conflict with a student's moral beliefs and matters of conscience such as abortion or those that violate the student's religious or ethical beliefs, such as gender altering surgeries on minor children.

YES NO

ABORTION FUNDING

8. Do you support the complete removal of federal, state and local tax funds from supporting the abortion industry?

YES NO

9. If you are in a position to do so, would you advocate, support, sign into law and/or defend appropriation measures redirecting all "family planning" grants to agencies and health care providers who provide alternatives to abortions and who do not perform, counsel or refer for abortions?

YES NO

ASSAULT ON HUMAN LIFE AT ITS EARLIEST STAGES (PART I)

Biological related technologies have been advancing rapidly in recent years. While most of the developments offer great promise, some require that a human life at an early stage of development be harmed or killed.

The right to life of human beings must be respected at every stage of their biological development beginning at the moment of fertilization, regardless of fertilization occurring in the womb, the Petri dish, or another scientific venue. Humans in their tiny embryonic stage of development should not be used for lethal medical experimentation, including embryonic humans whose lives have begun by in-vitro fertilization or by cloning.

- 10.** If you are in a position to do so, would you oppose all human cloning, which is the cloning of human embryos either for reproduction or research and or any changes to existing laws in an attempt to expand human cloning?

YES NO

- 11.** Do you believe the state should provide protection for nascent humans against biological research?

YES NO

- 12.** If you are in a position to do so, would you oppose legislation that would permit the cloning of human embryos or laboratory-created life for the purpose of the harvesting their stem cells for research or therapeutic cloning? (procedures requiring the creation and destruction of human lives)

YES NO

- 13.** If you are in a position to do so, would oppose publicly funded universities, medical centers and hospitals from engaging in any type of human cloning, including both research/therapeutic cloning, SCNT (somatic cell nuclear transfer), and embryonic stem cell research?

YES NO

ASSAULT ON HUMAN LIFE AT ITS EARLIEST STAGES (PART II)

“Your scientists were so preoccupied with whether or not they could, they didn’t stop to think if they should.”

In the 1993 movie Jurassic Park, this famous line was spoken by Dr. Ian Malcolm, played by Jeff Goldblum, and it addresses the ethical considerations of scientific advancements, particularly in the context of cloning dinosaurs.

Advances in healthcare and research are occurring at lightning speed and they sometimes result in unintended consequences that diminish the dignity of humanity. Dr. Ian Malcolm prompts all of us to question the ethical boundaries of medical research and scientific advancement: “Your scientists were so preoccupied with whether or not they could, they didn’t stop to think if they should.”

Life Begins at Fertilization

14. In 2024, a judge in Alabama ruled that embryos from IVF (In Vitro Fertilization) are human beings. This landmark case has sparked significant debate.

Do you believe that embryos created through IVF should be protected as all other lives?

YES NO

Another growing concern: Commercial Surrogacy in the Commonwealth

Understanding Surrogacy: An Overview

Surrogacy is a reproductive arrangement where a woman, known as a surrogate mother, agrees to carry and give birth to a child for another person or couple, who will become the child’s parent(s) after birth. This process offers an alternative path to parenthood for individuals or couples who are unable to conceive or carry a pregnancy themselves due to various reasons, such as infertility, medical conditions, or same-sex partnerships.

There are two main types of surrogacy:

- 1. Traditional Surrogacy or Altruistic :** In traditional surrogacy, the surrogate mother is artificially inseminated with the intended father’s sperm. In this case, the surrogate’s own egg is used, making her the biological mother of the child. This type of surrogacy is less common due to legal and emotional complexities, as it can create stronger claims for parental rights by the surrogate.
- 2. Gestational Surrogacy:** In gestational surrogacy, the surrogate mother carries a child conceived through in vitro fertilization (IVF), and she has no genetic link to the child. Today, “Gestational” surrogacy is more widely practiced compared to traditional surrogacy especially

due to the increase in demand by same-sex couples, which has led to the marked escalation of “commercial surrogacy”.

ASSAULT ON HUMAN LIFE AT ITS EARLIEST STAGES (PART III)

What is Commercial Surrogacy?

Commercial surrogacy is the practice in which a woman is paid compensation beyond medical and pregnancy-related expenses to carry a child for others. This arrangement transforms pregnancy and childbirth into a contractual service and introduces financial incentives into what is fundamentally a human relationship between mother and child.

We believe commercial surrogacy raises profound ethical and public policy concerns.

First, it commodifies both women and children. When compensation is structured as payment for carrying a pregnancy, the woman’s reproductive capacity becomes a market service, and the child risks being treated as the subject of a commercial transaction rather than as a person with inherent dignity.

Second, commercial surrogacy creates significant risks of exploitation. Financial incentives — sometimes advertised between \$65,000 and \$100,000 — disproportionately attract women facing economic vulnerability. This dynamic can create pressure to assume physical, emotional, and legal risks that wealthier individuals would not bear.

Third, commercial surrogacy fragments parenthood by separating biological, gestational, and social roles. The law is then asked to enforce contracts that predetermine parental rights before a child is even born, raising serious concerns about the child’s best interests and long-term welfare.

For these reasons, we believe commercial surrogacy should be prohibited. Public policy should protect women from reproductive exploitation and affirm that children are not products of contractual exchange, but persons deserving of protection from conception.

By commercializing the role of motherhood, surrogacy devalues the intrinsic human connection formed during pregnancy, reducing it to a transactional relationship akin to market dynamics.

15. Do you believe that surrogacy should be regulated to prevent the commercialization of life and the exploitation of women? Would you support legislation restricting surrogacy in the Commonwealth?

YES NO

ASSAULT ON HUMAN LIFE AT ITS EARLIEST STAGES (PART IV)

Sexual assault, rape and incest, the severest forms of barbarity inflicted on women and girls, persist in the shadows. The issue of rape and incest is an extremely sensitive and personal matter, and those harmed by sexual violence carry a lifetime of scars.

In recent months, this grave matter has dominated public discourse, often exploited by pro-abortion advocates, and amplified through political campaigns and media coverage.

As lawmakers and public servants, you will face the difficult yet essential task of addressing these dark societal realities — acknowledging hidden violence that often occurs within the sanctity of homes. Domestic violence, sexual assault, and incest are frequently shrouded in secrecy, leaving victims isolated and their suffering largely invisible. It is critical to recognize the profound and long-lasting trauma experienced by survivors of these heinous crimes.

Incest, in particular, is a grave offense with long-term harmful impacts on victims. It persists in silence across families, communities, and society at large. We believe it is essential to confront this problem comprehensively. At the personal, societal, and state levels, laws must protect life, support women and girls victimized by violence, and ensure perpetrators are held fully accountable.

We also assert that it is unjust and irrational to expect a woman to end the life of her child due to the actions of the perpetrator. Abortion in such circumstances is not a real solution and further compounds the initial violence, often protects the perpetrator, and keeps the issue hidden from public scrutiny.

Amid increasing media attention and pressure from the pro-abortion industry, including the ACLU and Planned Parenthood, some are calling for exceptions to Kentucky’s laws that would permit abortion in cases of sexual assault. We firmly reject such measures.

As public discourse intensifies, we call on policymakers, elected officials, and candidates for office to reflect on their ethical standards and ensure that their decisions and actions consistently uphold the dignity and value of every human life.

Subjecting a woman or young girl to an abortion only compounds the initial violence of the assault. HARD CASES CAN MAKE BAD LAW, HARD CASES CAN ALSO OFFER THE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO CREATING THE KIND OF LIFE-AFFIRMING SOCIETY WE WANT TO LIVE IN.

The circumstance of one's conception must not be used to determine the value of one's life

“Good leaders abhor wrongdoing of all kinds; sound leadership has a moral foundation”

(Prov. 16:12)

16. Do you believe that a child conceived as a result of sexual assault (rape or incest) is any less human, or has any less dignity than a child conceived in the loving embrace of their parents?

 YES NO

17. Do you believe that a child conceived as a result of sexual assault (rape or incest) should be protected by the same laws protecting the lives of children conceived in the loving embrace of their parents?

___YES ___NO

ASSAULT ON HUMAN LIFE IN THE MOST VULNERABLE STAGES (PART V)

Kentucky Right to Life is sensitive to the reality that as a state leader you may find yourself addressing legislative matters that are likely to be emotionally challenging on a personal level for you, and for the constituents you serve. We are always available to you, to explore and discuss this multifaceted moral and policy matters that impact today's culture.

When a loved one experiences a painful, terminal, or debilitating illness, their family may believe that the kindest and best medical treatment would be to relieve their suffering and end the person's life.

Euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide is an emotionally debated subject for many. On the one hand, no one wants to suffer tremendously at the end of their life due to a condition that will inevitably kill them. On the other hand, family members and friends greatly value their time with their loved ones, especially when they are ill and likely to pass away soon.

The laws regarding whether doctors can administer treatment to assist with ending life are often referred to as "right to die" or "death with dignity" laws, and vary from state to state.

In the Commonwealth of Kentucky

- **Kentucky Law explicitly does NOT condone, authorize or approve mercy killing (KRS 311.639).**
- **Kentucky Law does not permit euthanasia, nor permit any deliberate act to end another's life, banning assisted suicide (KRS 216.302).**

Death by Mail: The Growing Threat of Assisted Suicide Medication Shipment -

Several states are adopting assisted euthanasia and expanding laws to allow the shipping of assisted suicide medication regimens to other states. This alarming trend poses significant ethical, legal, and health concerns, as it facilitates the remote delivery of life-ending drugs and attempts to bypass current state laws.

By allowing the interstate shipment of these medications, we risk undermining Kentucky laws that prohibit assisted suicide, leading to potentially tragic outcomes.

18. If elected or currently serving in office, will you remain vigilant and advocate against any attempt to change Kentucky's current laws banning euthanasia and assisted suicide, any attempt to legalize Medical Assistance in Dying and to support Kentucky's existing laws that protect vulnerable populations and uphold the sanctity of life?

___YES ___NO

19. Do you believe that cognitively disabled people in a persistent vegetative state have the right to receive nutrition and hydration?

___YES ___NO

AUTHENTIC PRO-LIFE LEADERS

20. If the chairman of a committee to which a Pro-Life bill is assigned does not call it up, would you, as a member of the committee, sign a discharge petition or challenge the Chair, so the bill could receive a fair hearing and vote? Or Support requesting Leadership move the bill to another committee?

YES NO

21. Would you reserve your support of a candidate for legislative or political office, regardless of party, because of his/her pro-abortion (“pro-choice”) or if he/she supported changing any of Kentucky’s current life affirming laws,

YES NO

22. Will you clearly state on your website and your campaign literature that you are ProLife?

YES NO

23. If elected and in position to do so, will you support all current Kentucky life-affirming laws that protect unborn children, and our most vulnerable citizens?

YES NO

The Kentucky Pro-Life Caucus

24. For candidates currently serving in the Kentucky House or Senate, are you a member of the Pro-Life Caucus?

YES NO

25. If you answered Yes to question 24, did you read the Pro-Life Caucus ByLaws before joining?

YES NO

**We encourage members of the House and Senate to join and participate in the
Kentucky Pro-Life Caucus.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL RESPONSES.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED AND SIGNED QUESTIONNAIRE BY Wed., March 18, 2026.

“In a society which claims to have even the veneer of civilization, such behavior is totally unacceptable.

We cannot close our eyes to the destruction of innocent life at any stage of development or any impaired condition of existence. To do so degrades our own culture and all of us.”

From the pen of The Honorable Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Donald C. Wintersheimer (1931-2021)
From his opinion case: (2004 Woods v. Com)

**BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW and Email Your Candidate Questionnaire to:
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**CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION SUCH AS ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAILS
REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL IN THE OFFICE OF KENTUCKY RIGHT TO LIFE.**

Signature of Candidate

Candidate’s Name (Please print)

Date

Office & District (to which you are seeking election or re-election)

Candidate’s Phone Number (required)

Candidate’s Email Address (required as endorsements will be emailed)

Name of Campaign Committee

Address of Campaign Committee

Campaign Office Phone Number (Required)

Campaign Office Email Address (Required)

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